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Italian party leader resigns

May 31 (R) — Former government minister Carlo Azeglio, alleged to have helped his son escape arrest as an assassin suspect, resigned tonight from his post as vice-minister of the dominant Christian Democratic Party. Former minister Mr. Donat Cattin, 60, one of the party's most popular figures, tried to resign earlier this month after news of his son Marco was being sought as an urban guerrilla. He decided to stay in office, but he said his decision tonight was irrevocable. Mr. Donat Cattin issued a statement defending his father and politician, saying press and public comment had defied the ethical rules of a democratic society. Earlier a parliament commission decided to take no further action against the minister. Prime Minister Francesco Cossiga had asked Mr. Donat Cattin that his son faced arrest. The commission decided to shelve the case by a majority of 11 votes to 10, leaving open the possibility that opposition members of parliament would call for a full inquiry.

Regional Briefs

May 31 (R) — The South Yemeni leadership will soon be elected into a three-man presidential council, the usually named Qatari newspaper Al Raya said today. Quoting a Yemeni source in Beirut, the newspaper said President Ali Muhammad would remain president and would keep the post of secretary-general of the ruling Socialist Party, but he would leave the post of prime minister to Defence Minister Far. Former Foreign Minister Mohammad Saleh Mutea is the third member of the triumvirate with the post of the Supreme People's Assembly (parliament). The assembly would be dissolved and elections held at the end of this year. The present assembly was elected in 1977. Nasser Mohammad has just returned from his first trip since becoming president, visiting the Soviet Union.

May 31 (R) — An amendment to the Moroccan constitution extending parliament's term of office from four to six years was adopted by a majority of 96.74 per cent in a national assembly, according to final figures released today by the ministry. Adoption of the amendment in yesterday's vote means that the 1981 parliamentary elections will be held until 1983. King Hassan said in a broadcast last Sunday that Morocco would enjoy political peace at a time when the country was mobilised to deal with the conflict over the Sahara. Over 91 per cent of Morocco's 6,905,950 registered voters voted in the referendum. In another referendum a majority of 99.71 per cent voted in favour of a constitutional amendment enabling the king's successor to ascend the throne at the age of 16 instead of 18. Two of the country's minority opposition parties campaigned against a "yes" yesterday's ballot, arguing that the 1977 elections were unfair and the amendment prolonged the mandate of a "reactionary" legislature.

May 31 (R) — Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov, apparently smoothed over a hitch in his country's relations with Iraq, said today his four-day visit here had strengthened ties and prompted several new accords. He told reporters leaving for home that he had had talks with President Hussein and other Iraqi leaders covering the development of bilateral relations in all fields. Iraq temporarily froze its relations with Bulgaria last December after two Iraqis were killed in a riot in Baghdad. In another referendum a majority of 99.71 per cent voted in favour of a constitutional amendment enabling the king's successor to ascend the throne at the age of 16 instead of 18. Two of the country's minority opposition parties campaigned against a "yes" yesterday's ballot, arguing that the 1977 elections were unfair and the amendment prolonged the mandate of a "reactionary" legislature.

May 31 (R) — Sudanese Vice-President Abdel Alier left today for a four-year term as president of the high council for Southern Sudan, the Sudan News Agency said. Under the constitution, Mr. Alier will also assume the role of premier in Southern Sudan, which has had regional autonomy since 1972. He succeeds retired Maj. Gen. Joseph who led the military wing of the secessionist movement in Southern Sudan during the 17-year civil war that ended in 1972, the Sudanese government agreed to give the Southern regional rule. Mr. Alier was the first president of the high council after the peace agreement in 1972, but was out of office in 1977 following alleged corruption by his administration. President Jaafar Numeiry dissolved the national and regional parliaments of North and South Sudan last February and called for new elections. At its opening session, the newly-elected assembly (parliament) re-elected Mr. Alier unanimously, the agency said.

May 31 (R) — A West Berlin newspaper reported today that German leader Konrad Adenauer wants to swap West German scientists held in his country for the alleged killer of a former diplomat detained in West Germany. A foreign ministry spokesman told Reuters that Bonn had no knowledge of this and was continuing to seek the release of six West German scientists held last March for alleged violation of the Libyan border's frontier, and detained in Tripoli. The Berlin newspaper report quoted Bonn government sources as saying Adenauer wanted to use the scientists to obtain the release of a 6-year-old Libyan accused of shooting Omran Mehdiawi in Bonn earlier this month. The scientists were charged a global map near the Libyan, Egyptian and Sudanese borders were originally due to be released this month, the paper said. In exiles have been the target of attacks in recent months with a warning by Libyan authorities that they would be killed if they refused to return home.

Iranian poll favours trial for hostages

TEHRAN, May 31 (R) — An opinion poll taken among 31 members of Iran's new parliament indicates that a majority in the assembly may favour putting the American hostages on trial.

The results of the poll, published by the newspaper Kayhan today showed that 17 of the 31 actively favoured a trial, and seven more took hard line positions without specifically mentioning a trial. No one interviewed in the poll ruled out the question of a trial.

Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has ruled that the parliament, which assembled for the first time last Wednesday, must decide on the terms for the release of the Americans held by Iranian militants since last Nov. 4.

Most of the 31 deputies interviewed were elected with the backing of the Islamic Republican Party (IRP) whose supporters are expected to dominate the new assembly once procedural work is over.

On Wednesday, 234 deputies took their seats in parliament.

The leader of the IRP, Ayatollah Mohammad Behabadi, was today quoted in the newspaper Etela'at as saying he would propose transport Minister Ali Kalanvari as prime minister of the government to be approved by parliament next week.

Mr. Kalanvari's name was not those put forward as possible prime ministers by President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr.

He indicated recently that he favoured revolutionary council spokesman Hassan Habibi. The transport minister is a member of the IRP. He is said to be on good terms with President Bani-Sadr.

Today's Kayhan poll showed that deputies outside the IRP, such as former Health Minister Kazem Sami, also favoured a hostage trial.

Mr. Sami told the newspaper: "The American embassy has violated international laws and principles and it was a base against the Iranian revolution in support of the previous regime."

Most of the deputies who favoured a trial said the conditions first set by the militants for the release of the hostages, the extradition of the former Shah and his wealth, still stood. The hostage question is not expected to be debated before the second half of July, according to parliamentary officials.

United Nations special envoy Adh Daoudy, now in Tehran to reactivate the U.N. commission of inquiry on Iran, today met Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh and Revolutionary Council spokesman Hassan Habibi, U.N. officials said.

A five-man U.N. team left Tehran in March without completing its report because it was not permitted to see the American hostages. U.N. officials said Mr. Daoudy had no immediate plans to leave Tehran.

The Pope, President Giscard d'Estaing said they touched on east-west relations, Afghanistan, Africa, the Middle East and the Palestinian question, and the problem of inequalities in the world.

Non-aligned conference considered

HAVANA, May 31 (R) — Cuba is consulting the other non-aligned countries about holding an extraordinary ministerial conference of the movement in Havana in July, the foreign ministry announced today.

President Fidel Castro became chairman of the 95-member organisation for a three-year term at the summit conference in Havana last September.

The proposed meeting would discuss the world political and economic situation with the aim of promoting peace and detente, the announcement said. It would also seek negotiated solutions to conflicts which had worsened recently.

Specific conflicts were not mentioned, but the one which has most publicly divided the non-aligned movement is the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

Egypt, Israel bury brief disagreement

CAIRO, May 31 (Agencies) — Egypt and Israel today buried their brief, and latest disagreement over Israeli troop withdrawals from Sinai as President Anwar Sadat was reported "satisfied" with clarifications from Tel Aviv.

The Egyptian leader received the explanations during a 40 minute scheduled meeting with Israeli Ambassador Elihu Ben Elissar who also submitted to Mr. Sadat a personal handwritten message from Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

President Sadat asked Dr. Ben Elissar to convey a verbal message to Mr. Begin. There was wide speculation here that Begin may have suggested a summit meeting with President Sadat to discuss the stalled Palestinian autonomy talks and the situation over Israeli troop withdrawals from Sinai.

But Egyptian Foreign Minister Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali told reporters that a meeting between the two leaders was "not discussed" during Mr. Sadat's talks with Dr. Ben Elissar. He also declined to comment on reports in an Egyptian magazine earlier in the day that the deadlocked negotiations would resume next week or shortly after.

Gen. Ali told reporters the meeting between Mr. Sadat and Dr. Ben Elissar dealt with Mr. Begin's reported threat yesterday that Israel would not complete its final withdrawal from the Sinai in March 1982 unless Egypt agrees to the establishment of an international force to supervise the area.

Kyprianou rejects resignation calls

NICOSIA, May 31 (R) — President Spyros Kyprianou said today he had no intention of bowing to demands for his resignation.

In a radio and television broadcast, he said: "Any attempt to force me to resign would be a deviation from the constitutional order, or at least a political coup."

The president, who came to power following the death of Archbishop Makarios in 1977, made his remarks in a reply to the Communist Party, Akel, which has accused him of incompetence and withdrawn its support from the government.

The opposition Democratic Rally Party, led by former President Glafkos Clerides, has also attacked Mr. Kyprianou and called for his resignation.

In a seven-page statement last week Akel charged Mr. Kyprianou with having missed numerous opportunities to make progress towards a settlement of the inter-communal problems which have kept the island divided since the Turkish army invaded the country in 1974.

"I cannot explain Akel's attack on me. I would like to hope that it is a misunderstanding," Mr. Kyprianou said.

Warns Europe to delay initiative Carter threatens to veto any U.N. Mideast action

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter threatened today that the United States

in a warning to European allies to delay any efforts to enter the dispute over Palestinian autonomy, Mr. Carter declared: "We have a veto power that we can exercise, if necessary, to prevent the Camp David process from being destroyed or subverted, and I would not hesitate to use it."

The President's remarks were made in an interview with the Cable News Network, an organisation beginning continuous television news broadcasts tomorrow. Excerpts of the interview, which will be broadcast on the network's opening day, were made available by the White House today.

French leaders and authorities

in other Western European nations have begun to talk about advancing their own proposals for settling the dispute between Israel and Egypt over the future role in the Middle East for Palestinians.

Mr. Carter fears this would upset the delicate negotiations involving the United States, Israel and Egypt. Any new effort would also increase the difficulty in bringing other Middle East nations into the Camp David peace process.

"We are asking the European allies not to get involved in it for the time being," President Carter said.

"I don't believe they will do it

would veto any U.N. action which might usurp the American role in Middle East negotiations.

for the next couple of weeks, which I believe will be enough time to get us back at the bargaining table," he said. "And even if they do come in, we will not permit in the United Nations any action that would destroy the sanctity of and the present form of U.N. 242."

U.N. 242 is a Security Council resolution recognising Israel's right to exist. It has become the basis for all Middle East bargaining involving the United States.

Israel and Egypt had set a target date of last Monday to finish talks over autonomy for Palestinians living in the Israel-occupied Gaza

Strip and on the occupied West Bank. It was not met.

Egypt stepped out of the talks earlier in May, but President Carter predicted today that "without very much more delay we will be back at the negotiating table, making progress again toward the Mideast peace treaty on that basis, and full autonomy for the West Bank, Gaza."

Mr. Carter will meet with leaders of the six other major industrial countries, including the European allies and Japan, in Venice on June 22. But the Europeans will be meeting first, in a Common Market gathering about 10 days earlier.

"There will certainly, almost certainly, be no action by them before that date," Mr. Carter said, but added: "I can't control them."

The dispute between Israel and Egypt in the current talks is focused on the extent of Palestinian autonomy, how soon it should come about, and what role Israeli military forces will be allowed to play.

These issues, along with questions about protecting Israel from attack from the West Bank and about water and land rights "are extremely hard to resolve," President Carter said.

"But we are down to what you might call the nitty gritty now," he said. "The issues are clearly defined."

Arafat re-elected Fateh chief

DAMASCUS, May 31 (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was re-elected today as commander-in-chief of Assifa forces, the military wing of the Fateh commando group.

The Palestine News Agency (WAPA) said that a Fateh congress, attended by about 531 members, also re-elected Mr. Arafat as overall leader of the Palestine National Liberation Movement (FATEH).

Fateh's central committee was re-elected and five new members were added, bringing the total to 15. Mr. Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad) was elected deputy commander-in-chief, Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi (Abul Lutuf) secretary of the central committee, and Mr. Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) the secretary's deputy.

The congress is electing Fateh's revolutionary council, which will now consist of 60 instead of 40 members.

A cable sent by the congress to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on the final day of the ten-day meeting expressed appreciation for Syrian support. The congress pledged to continue working against plans for an "imperialist settlement" of the Middle East conflict.

The other re-elected members are: Mohammed Ghoneim (Abu Maher), Khalid Al Hassan (Abu Said), Hayel Abdul Hamid (Abu

Hawl), Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad), Salim Al Zaanoun (Abu Adib) and Nimr Saleh (Abu Saleh).

The new members are: Majed Abu Sharar, in charge of the Palestinian unified information section, Samih Abu Kuweik, in charge of Jordanian affairs, Rafiq Al Natcheh, Fateh representative in Saudi Arabia, Hani Al Hassan, director of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) office in Iran, and Brig. Saad Sayel, director of military operations.

Dr. Nabil Sha'ath, chairman of the congress, said in a statement the deliberations had reaffirmed "the fateful cohesion between the Palestinian and Syrian revolutions... and with the Egyptian people to overthrow their regime."

He added that the congress had drawn up a clear political, military and organisational programme based on "the inevitability of continuing and stepping up the armed struggle to liberate all Palestine, and confront the Camp David (Egyptian-Israeli) agreements' conspiracy."

The 531 congress members



Yasser Arafat

stressed the importance of developing cooperation between the PLO and socialist countries, notably the Soviet Union, and strengthening ties with the Iranian revolution, Dr. Sha'ath said.

He added that Fateh based its relations with the Arab states on their attitude towards the Palestine cause and the PLO "as the legitimate and sole representative of the Palestinian people."

Pope goes into flurry of talks with Giscard, French leaders

May 31 (R) — Pope John Paul II went into a flurry of talks with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac and members of the conservative Polish community on the second day of his visit to France.



Pope John Paul

Over breakfast, the 60-year-old Polish pontiff heard Protestant spokesman Max-Alain Chevalier press his case for the celebration of shared communion, an act so far rejected by the Vatican.

Then he went to the Elysee Palace where the French president had planned a garden party for 5,000 guests.

But with heavy rain falling, the festivities were transferred to the glittering salons of the presidential palace, where he met the leaders of the French Communist and Socialist parties, Georges Marchais and Francois Mitterand.

Later, after meeting an estimated 15,000 Polish compatriots under the Eiffel Tower, he was celebrating a mass at the Basilica of Saint Denis for a congregation of workers and immigrants.

The Basilica, in northern Paris' industrial suburbs, was for centuries the traditional burial place for French kings.

After his hour-long talks with the Pope, President Giscard d'Estaing said they touched on east-west relations, Afghanistan, Africa, the Middle East and the Palestinian question, and the problem of inequalities in the world.

The evening newspaper Le Monde quoted the president as saying that Pope John Paul backed his recent initiative in going to Warsaw for summit talks with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev aimed at reducing world tensions.

But Vatican sources would not confirm this version of the Elysee Palace talks.

Tomorrow the Pontiff is due to celebrate an open-air mass at Le Bourget airport north of the capital before crowd which church authorities hope will approach the 3 million mark.

Then on Monday he is to address the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) at its Paris headquarters and then travel to the Normandy pilgrimage centre of Lisieux before flying back to Rome.

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Under the patronage of the Minister of Culture and Youth the Tunisian Embassy and the Department of Culture and Arts present

an exhibition of modern trends in contemporary Tunisian art

at 5 p.m. Sunday June 1 at the National Gallery of the Fine Arts, Jabal Luweibdeh.



Neighbourhood bully

A FEW months ago, European diplomats in Washington were receiving fairly heavy hints from the State Department advising their governments back home not to undertake any initiative regarding the Middle East before the May 26 deadline for the Egyptian-Israeli talks on Palestinian "autonomy". One report at the time said that the American argument was "that European actions prior to May 26 could undermine Israeli confidence in the results and thereby jeopardise the process."

Now, a week after the passing of that deadline, the American pressure on Europe is getting decidedly more blunt. After the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Muskie, yesterday issued a direct warning to the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Francois-Poncet, to the effect that any European move now would still undermine the Camp David process, President Carter himself weighed in with an even heavier ultimatum.

Shunning the diplomatic niceties that one would think might be appropriate when addressing the European allies who increasingly find themselves embarrassed and compromised by American policies around the world, Mr. Carter has put Europe on notice: America will use its veto power in the Security Council to thwart any European peace initiative, in order to "prevent the Camp David process from being destroyed or subverted."

This is a variation on the long-running American theme that Camp David is the "only game in town." Apparently not noticing that the game is long since over — without a goal being scored — Mr. Carter, in the manner of the neighbourhood bully, is still threatening to take his ball and go home.

It is one thing for the Americans to maintain doggedly that the Camp David process is still alive just because they say it is. It is quite another thing for them to go on deluding themselves, and trying to delude the rest of the world, about the real causes for the decline in whatever credibility that process had in the first place, or about the real source of any undermining of that process.

We have long faulted the engineers of the Camp David scheme for not foreseeing that what it did in essence was to give Israel the ideal pretext for consolidating its military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, for pursuing its plans for expansion of the Zionist state, and for imposing perpetual thralldom on the native Arab inhabitants of occupied Palestine. It was never a particularly prescient observation on our part to discern that, for these reasons, the Camp David scheme as such hardly ranked as much of a contribution to peace.

However, now that Israel has, in the most brazen and offensive ways, begun to use the licence accordingly granted it under Camp David, it would seem that the Americans at best are sadly deluding themselves, or, at worst, are acting in complicity with Israeli motives and actions, by their continued failure to recognise and to try and stop the Israeli practices which have so effectively killed the chances for peace.

Our concern, of course, is not so much with the undermining of any "peace process" as with the undermining of peace itself.

Our impression, strengthened by the obvious concern shown by the British parliamentary group whom we met in Amman last week, is that the Europeans are determined to press ahead with their initiative — in the Security Council, whether the Americans like it or not. They feel that it is the best contribution they can make to rescuing the peace — and, not incidentally, to rescuing the Americans from their own misguided diplomacy.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: His Majesty King Hussein is scheduled to pay a visit to Washington in the second half of next month at the invitation of U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

The announcement of the planned visit received special attention in Arab and international circles because of two essential considerations: — Its scheduled date is remarkably close to that of the industrial countries' summit in Venice. This is the conference on whose agenda the Middle East issue will be prominent, and where the U.S. will get the opportunity to evaluate its own position towards the issue in the light of the European attitude and the harmony that should prevail between Washington and its European allies, and also in the light of the basic needs of the big industrial countries — foremost of which is the establishment of a genuine and comprehensive peace in our region.

— The second essential consideration is what is known about the Jordanian stand — its clarity and stability, and Jordan's pan-Arab commitment and ability to be true to the unified Arab stand.

Therefore, King Hussein's forthcoming visit to Washington provides a true opportunity for the U.S. administration once again to hear the voice of the Arabs, in order to realise facts which cannot be overlooked — first and foremost, the impossibility of achieving peace while continuing to usurp Arab rights and at the expense of the Palestinian people. The interest of the whole world lies in enabling the Palestinians to regain and exercise their national rights.

AL DUSTOUR: During His Majesty King Hussein's forthcoming visit to Washington, he will inform President Carter about Jordan's and the Arabs' attitude with regard to the truths behind the Arab stand, and will explain to him that the Camp David agreements do not form a sound basis for a peaceful settlement. He will make clear that the local autonomy negotiations took the wrong course, thus dampening the prospects for the realisation of the Palestinians' right to self-determination in their homeland.

We are confident that King Hussein will also acquaint President Carter, the U.S. administration and American public opinion with the dangers inherent in the continuation of a futile process which is no more than a bilateral settlement that overlooks the basic facts of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The correct course of action is for Washington to recognise and play its true role — to put pressure on Israel and force it to recognise the Palestinian fact, and the fact that there is a people looking forward to return to their land, which was occupied by oppression and aggression. Any effort exerted outside this framework is a wasted one and will cause the situation further to deteriorate.

Japanese Foreign minister arrives; begins talks on ME issues, cooperation

AMMAN, May 31 (Agencies) — Japan's Foreign Minister Saburo Okita arrived here today on an official visit to last three days. Official talks between the Jordanian and Japanese sides began at the Foreign Ministry this evening, presided over by Mr. Okita and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Marwan Al Qasem.

During the meeting they exchanged views on international issues in general and the current situation in the Middle East; and on the Palestinian issue in particular.

Mr. Qasem explained during the meeting the basis of the firm Jordanian stand with regard to the Middle East issue and achieving a just and durable peace based on total Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories occupied in 1967, including Jerusalem. The legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including its right to self-determination in its homeland, Palestine, must be recognised, he said.

The two sides also reviewed scopes of cooperation between the two countries in all fields and means of developing them.

On the Jordanian side talks were attended by the minister of industry and trade, the president of the National Planning Council, the director of the Telecommunications Corporation, the deputy director general of the Jordan Valley Authority, the director of the Pension Fund, the under-secretary of the Foreign Ministry and the director of the ministry's Political Department.

Members of the accompanying Japanese delegation and the Japanese ambassador in Amman, Mr. Fumiya Okada, also attended the meeting.

Mr. Qasem later gave a dinner banquet in honour of Mr. Okita and his delegation.

Diplomatic relations were established between Japan and Jordan on July 14, 1954.

In 1957 Japan appointed its ambassador in Iraq to be concurrently Japan's first minister to Jordan, and in 1959 Jordan appointed its ambassador to the then Republic of China (now Taiwan) as its first minister to Japan.

Later, in April 1974, Jordan opened an embassy in Tokyo, while Japan opened an embassy in Amman in July 1974.

Trade

In 1979, Japanese exports to Jordan reached \$96.6 million and imports \$14.7 million. Trade with Jordan has been increasing recently, but the balance of trade is still heavily in Japan's favour. Major Japanese exports to Jordan include textile goods, machinery and instruments, and metal products.

Economic and technical cooperation

In 1972, Japan built a communications satellite ground station in Jordan at a cost of \$2,723,000 on a deferred-payment basis. Special envoy Zentaro Kosaka's visit to Jordan in 1974 led to Japan's granting 3 billion yen in credits (about \$13.3 million) to Jordan in December of that year to finance Jordan's telephone network expansion plan.

On the occasion of His Majesty King Hussein's visit in 1976, Japan granted credits totalling 7.5 billion yen (about \$33.3 million) to fund Jordan's dam and irrigation system construction programme. In December 1979 Japan pledged a further 8.6 billion yen in credits (about \$38.2 million) for Jordan's communications network expansion programme.

Number of Jordanian trainees accepted by Japan: 73
Number of Japanese experts dispatched to Jordan: 14
(Note: Cumulative totals as of the end of March, 1980.)

Japanese in Jordan

As projects covered by the first yen credits progressed, the number of Japanese experts working on the expansion of Jordan's telephone network, as well as Japanese technicians from the private sector involved in the construction of a thermal power station, a communications satellite ground station and a fertiliser plant, have increased. The Japanese population in Jordan is thus 225 (199 in Amman) as of October 1, 1979 — up 44 per cent from the previous year.

Japan-Jordan Trade

		(Unit: \$ million)	
		Japanese Imports from Jordan (Phosphate rock, etc.)	Japanese Exports to Jordan (Machinery and instruments, textiles, etc.)
1973	\$ 4.0 million		\$ 17.8 million
1974	\$ 14.5 "		\$ 30.2 "
1975	\$ 11.8 "		\$ 67.6 "
1976	\$ 6.8 "		\$ 84.5 "
1977	\$ 9.4 "		\$ 75.5 "
1978	\$ 11.5 "		\$ 105.5 "
1979	\$ 14.7 "		\$ 99.6 "

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

The British Council presents an exhibition entitled "British Architecture for Arts and Leisure". Photographs and plans with seventeen contemporary examples will be on display until June 12.

The Jordanian Journalists' Association, in cooperation with the Arab Journalists' Union, is holding an exhibition of cartoons at the Soviet Cultural Centre, on Monday. The cartoons displayed are the work of artists of the Arab World.

Tunisian cultural week

The Tunisian embassy and the Department of Culture and Arts has organised a Tunisian Cultural Week under the patronage of the minister of culture. On Sunday, an art exhibition will be held at the National Gallery of Fine Arts in Jabal Luweibdeh at 5 p.m. At 8 p.m. the same day, a Tunisian film will be screened at the Department of Culture and Arts Theatre in Jabal Luweibdeh.

On Monday, a play entitled "Ghazalat Al Nawader" will be presented at the Department of Culture and Arts Theatre at 8 p.m.

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Duties to drop on canned vegetables

AMMAN, May 31 (JNA) — Canned vegetables are going to cost less for Jordanian shoppers, but a can of imported beer to wash them down with will be more expensive.

Customs Under-secretary Yasin Kayed announced today that customs duties would be reduced to 15 per cent (from 38 per cent) on items including canned vegetables and fruits, jams and ready-made soups. The duty on tomato paste will remain the same in order to protect local producers, Mr. Kayed said.

If these reductions are passed on to consumers, as the Ministry of Supply intends, a 150-fils can of corn (for example) will now be at least 30 fils cheaper, he said.

However, duties have been raised on such items as imported beer, lubricating oil for cars, per-

fume, water-heating systems and electric heaters.

Duties on imported beer in cans less than half a litre were raised by 70 fils, half-litre cans by 85 fils and cans of other sizes by 100 fils. Duties on lubricating oil went up by 30 fils a kilogramme. Cosme-

tics and perfume duty, excluding duty for babies, at 40 per cent from 30 per cent. Mr. Kayed said the duties on beer would reduce their price.

Sha'er: Municipal development bank's capital to be increased

AMMAN, May 31 (JNA) — The government intends to increase the capital of the Development Bank for Municipalities and Village Councils and to offer shares in the bank's capital to various municipalities. Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Jamal Sha'er said today.

Dr. Sha'er, who of the bank's board of directors, said the bank's capital is to be increased to 10 million Jordanian dinars, from the present 5 million.

As a first step to this end, he said, the bank is now raising \$10 million. The bank will provide the needed over the 10 million. Dr. Sha'er said the bank's capital is to be increased to 10 million Jordanian dinars, from the present 5 million. The bank will provide the needed over the 10 million. Dr. Sha'er said the bank's capital is to be increased to 10 million Jordanian dinars, from the present 5 million. The bank will provide the needed over the 10 million.



Mrs. Kimiko Okada, wife of the Japanese ambassador to Jordan, is one of many performers who will appear in an "Evening of International Entertainment" on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. at the Haya Arts Centre. The show, which will include in addition to Mrs. Okada's classical Japanese parol dance songs, poetry and readings, is being put on as a benefit for the building fund of the American Centre of Oriental Research. Full details in Tuesday's Jordan Times. (Photo by Marianne Pearson).

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, May 31 (JNA) — Members of the Upper House of Parliament today heard the full text of a statement by the European Parliament on the Middle East problem issued on April 16. The members also reviewed the outcome of the just-concluded visit to Jordan by a group of British parliamentarians and the statement the delegation issued at the end of its visit on Thursday. A new member of the house, Mr. Mudar Badran, was sworn in during the session.

AMMAN, May 31 (JNA) — The University of Jordan and Yarmouk University signed an agreement here today for cooperation in promoting higher education in Jordan. The agreement provides for the exchange of faculty members, students and librarians, as well as for joint seminars and research projects. It also calls for cooperation in the use of equipment and laboratories, in cultural activities and in research work at the Marine Research station Aqaba. The agreement was signed by Dr. Nasreddin Al Assad and Dr. Adnan Badran, presidents of the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University respectively.

AMMAN, May 31 (JNA) — A Jordanian-Greek agreement to promote cultural and educational cooperation was signed here today, culminating three days of talks between teams from both countries. The agreement provides for increasing exchanges of visits by university professors, of expertise in science, education and vocational training and of books, particularly those dealing with archaeology. Radio and television material is also to be exchanged.

AMMAN, May 31 (JNA) — A three-day seminar on banking will open in Amman tomorrow. Banking systems and international trade will be the main subjects to be discussed by participants at the meeting, which is organised by the Federation of Jordan Chambers of Commerce and the International Chamber of Commerce. Taking part in the meeting will be representatives of business firms and financial and economic institutions in Jordan.

AMMAN, May 31 (JNA) — A Tunisian-Jordanian cultural statement issued here today stressed the need for both countries to increase their cooperation in cultural fields. The statement mentioned in particular the exchange of publications, manuscripts, books and documents and facilitating the holding of cultural and arts exhibitions, and the exchange of visits by performing troupes and lecturers. The statement was issued at the conclusion of a visit to Jordan by the Tunisian Minister of Information and Culture, Mr. Fouad Al Mubazza'. During his three-day visit the Tunisian minister conducted talks with Jordanian Minister of Culture and Youth Taher Hikmat and other Jordanian officials. He also opened at the Sports City yesterday the Tunisian cultural week, a programme of various cultural activities.

AMMAN, May 31 (JNA) — Minister of Culture and Youth Taher Hikmat said today that the government will soon announce the formation of a national committee for documents, books and manuscripts.

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Tomato packing and grading centre swings into gear



Tomatoes, fit for the local market, roll off the conveyor belt into a tray and are packed by one of the station's female workers.

Text and photos by Sara O'Neill, Times Staff Reporter

May 31 — Al 'Arda is now open, albeit at less than half capacity, in time to help some of the month's glut brought on by the not spell.

It is hailed by a handful of the Valley's more progressive farmers as one of the best to happen to them since the station's opening. It is still regarded with their more cautious members as the latest innovation of the Jordan Valley (JVA). The station, the kind to be set up in the deal with the marketing, potatoes and other (as opposed to citrus which there are a number in neighbouring countries as only recently common equipment installed by a firm, Roda.

At a cost of JD 1.2 million, the station cost a further JD 1 million and financed by the Jordanian government, is the first of three such the valley authority plans to build in different parts of the Ghor. The idea is to control the market of all vegetable produce in the valley.

Construction of the second station, Wadi Yabis, has already started and it will be ready next to handle citrus fruit as well as vegetables. The third station, South Shama, will, like Al 'Arda, deal only with vegetables.

Rising demands on Jordanian produce for export, coupled with the complaints of exporters about the fluctuation of the goods sold to farmers, prompted the station to get down to the task of providing a service to farmers themselves, with a centre and proper packing facilities.

On rooms also form part of the complex at Al 'Arda, and this activity will not end until the station is running at capacity next season, the director, Mr. Ibrahim Al 'Arda, explained to the Jordanian Times.

Al 'Arda will operate for the next eight months of the year from November to July, and

eventually provide employment for some 200 local men and women. Only some of the senior personnel (who number about 20) come from outside the area.

There are four supervisors, trained by Mr. Uraiqat, an agricultural engineer who received specialised training in marketing and is on secondment for two years from the Ministry of Agriculture to get the centre on its feet.

The centre's team of mechanics and electricians was trained in two weeks by Roda, and the rest of the staff are receiving on-the-job training. Drawn from the local farming community, its staff — particularly the women — find the conditions much better than working long hours in the fields under the scorching sun.

There are at present about 70 men and women handling up to 50 tonnes of tomatoes a day, or six or seven tonnes hourly. With full

employment handling will reach a maximum of 14 tonnes an hour.

Considering that none of the employees had ever done such work before they started at Al 'Arda three weeks ago everything is going ahead remarkably smoothly. The work is light and there is still the novelty of operating an ingenious semi-automatic system which involves sorting out the tomatoes into four different sizes and three grades before packing them into 10-kilogramme boxes which move along slowly and silently just above the heads of the workers standing at the conveyor belts.

The boxes, carried in from an adjoining workshop, are in themselves an innovation, assembled on the spot and of a size hitherto never used in the valley (the standard size used by farmers is 22 kilos). The smaller size not only makes packing easier; prospective buyers can also judge the goods at

a glance without having to poke inside.

Just enough boxes are made for each day's requirements. But in the future, Mr. Uraiqat explained, a store room will be added to the centre to allow for stocking up. In addition to the tomatoes, the completed station will also be able to handle up to 10 tonnes an hour of vegetables such as potatoes and squash.

All boxes are labelled according to their grades. The best tomatoes, firm and still green with just a hint of colour on their undersides, are fit for export to the Gulf, since they will still be only 60 per cent ripe on arrival.

Second-grade tomatoes, which are already half ripe, will make their way as far as Syria or Lebanon or go on the market in Amman. Tomatoes of the third grade are already ripe and are fit only for local consumption.

Overripe tomatoes are tossed off the conveyor belt into crates to be sold to the Jordanian tomato paste factory at Marka.

Completely green tomatoes pose a bigger problem; they have to be hand sorted, stored and returned to the grading machines two or three days later. Perhaps as many as ten per cent of the tomatoes received at the station fall into this category, evidence of a general shortage of skilled farm labour in the valley — or indeed, a shortage of labour of any kind.

Lack of skill, coupled with the great rush to pick tomatoes in time, accounts for a large number of rejects piling up at the station. Normally farmers manage to get rid of this mediocre produce by concealing it at the bottom of their 22-kilo boxes, perhaps as much as 10 kilos at a time.

No such deceitfulness can pass at Al 'Arda, which is one big reason why a mere handful of farmers have so far come forward to use the facilities. The rest are keeping away until they can see what advantages there are in forking out two dinars a tonne in commission to help fund the station's running costs (the JVA does not aim to make a profit, Mr. Uraiqat said).

Perhaps it is just as well that the station's workers, as yet somewhat overworked and not fully trained, have not been inundated with farmers' produce. As it is, nearly all of the fifty tonnes packed each day belong to one man, surely one of the valley's most colourful and unusual characters. This is Mr. Rafiq Qa'war who boasts of producing the best tomatoes in the valley.

Mr. Qa'war, who has more than 3,000 dunums of farmland including 50 dunums on which greenhouses are operating (he was the first farmer to import greenhouses in 1974), could scarcely look less like his bedouin neighbours.

With long, curly locks, wearing faded blue jeans and carrying a gun in a holster, the former garage owner and stock car builder returned from the U.S. ten years ago to take over his father's farm. By now, he has become something of a pioneer in the valley. He feels it is only a matter of time before other farmers follow his example and use Al 'Arda.

"In the short term one may lose (from not sneaking in rotten tomatoes)," Mr. Qa'war said, "but in the long term it's a good thing. It's something new and the others don't want to venture yet, but one day they will realise they are losing by cheating and getting a bad reputation with buyers."

Al 'Arda will provide the incentive to produce a better variety, to get a better grade vegetable. Instead of worrying about



Mr. Rafiq Qa'war, pioneer valley farmer and Al 'Arda's first customer, holds some tomatoes either too ripe or too flawed for grading and packing. Mr. Qa'war complains that about 2,000 boxes of such tomatoes have been thrown away instead of going to the tomato paste factory.

cheating, the farmer will be able to worry about quality and quantity instead.

In fact it's hard to believe that Mr. Qa'war is losing money even now. Early last week other farmers with high quality tomatoes were selling off all their produce in desperation for 50 fils a kilo, the same as farmers with poor quality stuff (one of the farmers' main grievances against the government is that a "fixed-price"

system discriminates against those who go in for higher quality goods). But Mr. Qa'war has been getting up to JD 1,300 a box (150 fils a kilo) for tomatoes graded excellent at Al 'Arda.

That, of course, is only a portion of his produce. Due to the scarcity of labour he has only been able to bring half his tomatoes (about 1,000 boxes a day) to the station.

Coordination with government representatives has not been smooth either, and one official sent to negotiate for overripe tomatoes for the paste factory was sent packing by the outspoken Mr. Qa'war when he dared to propose buying up all his tomatoes — regardless of their quality — for 50 fils a kilo. As a result the overripe tomatoes, ideal for the paste factory, were left to rot.

"Of course, he would have sold the best at a high price and pocketed the profit," Mr. Qa'war said.

Contempt for authority among the farming community is an age-old and universal characteristic which does not help in attracting farmers to government-sponsored Al 'Arda.

However, given the great help which farmers have already received from the Jordan Valley Authority and the example set by the valley's more enterprising and influential farmers, it should be only a matter of time before Al 'Arda becomes a booming marketing centre for the area.



Mr. Qa'war discusses his business while behind him a shipment of his tomatoes is loaded onto an exporter's lorry.



The exporter's dream — a slightly ripe tomato which will be classified first grade and exported to the Gulf.

Palestinian Culture Week to open in Damascus

By Pat McDonnell and Samir Twair, Special to the Jordan Times

living in occupied territories since 1967 at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 4. The Martyrs' Sons Troupe will perform Palestinian folk dances at the close of the programme.

Writer Mr. Mahmoud Shuqair will give a lecture at 6 p.m. Thursday, followed by another performance by the Martyrs' Sons Troupe.

Palestinian writer Mr. Farouk Wadi will lecture at 6 p.m. June 9, and two segments from the Palestinian TV series "By My Eyes" will be shown.

June 10 will feature a special 6 p.m. programme at which the three deported West Bank leaders, Halhoul Mayor, Mohammad Milhem, Hebron Mayor Fahd Qawasm and Hebron Chief Qadi Sheikh Rajab Al Tamimi will answer questions from the audience. Three documentary films dealing with Palestinian issues will be shown. These are: "Palestine, the Roots", a 1979 film directed by Syria's Amin Bunnai which won the first prize in the documentary category of the 1980 Baghdad film festival; "The Song of Free People", and "A Contract Signed".

On June 11, poet Khaled Abu Khaled will read selected works at 6 p.m. and two documentaries, "The Camp David Accords Parade" and "The Settlements" will be shown.

Palestinian poet Mr. Ahmad Dahbur will read selections from his works at closing ceremonies at 6 p.m. June 12.

DAMASCUS, May 31 — Mr. Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's Executive Committee, will make a rare appearance here Monday, June 2, to give the keynote speech opening Palestinian Cultural Week activities organised by the Soviet Cultural Centre.

Following Mr. Arafat's 6 p.m. address in the cultural centre, Mr. Abdullah Horani of the Soviet-Palestinian Friendship Association will talk. Palestinian culture under the diaspora will be discussed by poet Mr. Abdul Karim Al Karmi (Abu Salma), president of the Palestinian Writers' and Journalists' Federation. Mr. Mu'een Bseiso will conclude the opening event by reading selected verses of his poetry.

Exhibitions of Palestinian paintings and drawings, folk costumes, posters, photos of life in the occupied territories and displays of Palestinian books will be on view in the main gallery.

The second day will feature a 6 p.m. programme with Palestinian writer Mr. Yahya Yakhlef reading his short stories and a documentary film, entitled "Palestinian Land Day".

A lecture by Mr. Khalil Al Sawahiri will focus on literary works produced by Palestinians

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
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Par Value	Number Traded	Volume Traded	High	Low
JD 10,000	160	1600	10.000	10.000

TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be hot with easterly moderate winds. In Amman it will be very hot, with southerly moderate winds and rough seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
Amman	23	36
Aqaba	30	44
Deserts	26	38
Jordan Valley	30	43

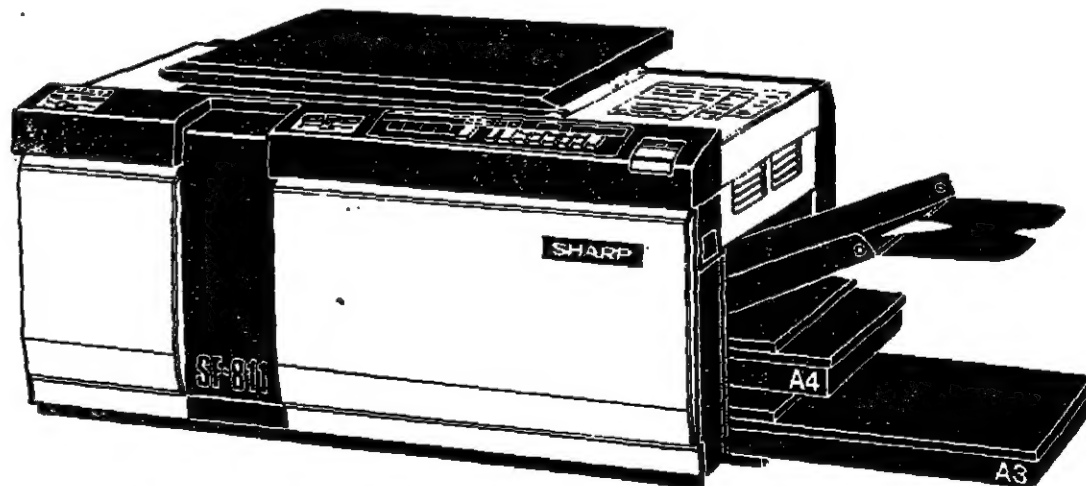
Winds from the east (monsoon winds) are probably behind the hot weather this week, passing over desert areas on the way from the Indian Ocean. Saturday's high temperature was 37, seven degrees above the mean for this time of year.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

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Turkey eases terms for foreign investors

ANKARA, May 31 (R) — Turkey today announced a package of economic measures aimed at encouraging foreign investment. The new measures give more scope to potential foreign investors and offer foreign firms which prospect for oil more freedom to use their profits.

They also include a new decree marginally improving conditions for repayment of some \$1.8 billion non-guaranteed commercial debts owed to tens of thousands of foreign firms.

A sweeping austerity package issued last January by the government of Mr. Suleyman Demirel had been strongly criticized by the foreign firms as imposing too tough conditions on repayment of the money owed to them.

The new decree on commercial debts is still aimed at encouraging the foreign firms to accept their money back in Turkish lira or invest it in Turkey. But while the January decree offered repayment only in U.S. dollars over 10 years, at a maximum seven per cent annual interest, the new one offers repayment in dollars, West German marks, Swiss francs, French francs or pounds sterling, at varying rates.

Interest is eight per cent for sterling repayments. For U.S. dollars it is six per cent, for West German marks four per cent, for French francs seven per cent and for Swiss francs three per cent.

The 10-year period remains the same. Firms are given until August 30, 1980, to decide which option they prefer.

Bank consortium fails to agree on save-Chrysler financing

WASHINGTON, May 31 (R) — Three days of intensive negotiations between U.S. officials and 135 banks ended yesterday with 20 of the banks still resisting terms of a huge loan package to rescue the Chrysler car firm from bankruptcy.

Deputy Treasury Secretary Robert Carswell said the 20 banks objecting to the plan wielded considerable influence and could destroy the complex plan to save America's third largest car maker. But he said he was convinced they would eventually support the package because otherwise they would bear responsibility for the demise of Chrysler, with its far-reaching economic consequences.

Under a plan authorized by Congress and approved by the government's Chrysler loan guarantee board, the firm will

receive an initial \$500 million in government-backed loans if it secures \$4.4 billion dollars in aid from about 300 banks. The banks stand to lose if Chrysler fails.

The banks have decided that none of them will come to Chrysler's aid unless all agree to the terms of the government aid package. Because of this, the 20 banks resisting the plan have considerable leverage, even though according to Mr. Carswell they represent only about \$20 to \$30 million in a \$5 billion aid package.

The \$5 billion figure includes \$3 billion the banks would provide to restructure the debt of Chrysler Financial Corporation, the financing arm of the car firm, and \$1.4 billion to aid the car making part of the company.

Mr. Carswell and other officials

still hope to close the deal with the banks on Friday, June 13. He said he was convinced that Chrysler could survive despite a sharp economic downturn which has caused a severe slump in the U.S. car industry generally.

But some car market analysts, including the A. Gary Shilling economic consulting firm, do not share his optimism. In a report released recently the Shilling firm

said Chrysler's chances for survival were slim at best, considering that it had lost about \$5 million a day in the first three months of 1980. The report argued that the government bail-out plan based on naively high sales of Chrysler's efficient "K" cars and could fail by the end despite massive go-

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 1980

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The daytime is fine for engaging in favorite hobbies, amusements and other pleasures, while in the evening only serious and well-organized activities can be beneficial.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Take no undue risks where recreation is concerned early in the day. Enjoy outside affairs by using clever methods.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Meeting persons of mixed backgrounds can prove interesting today. Take it easy tonight and restore your energies.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Any responsibilities you have can now be handled in a most intelligent fashion. Be more cheerful in your activities.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) The day can be a most fascinating one visiting friends and relatives. Take no risks with your reputation.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) You have much person to do now so postpone outside recreation for a more optimistic about the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Put your finest work in the afternoon and impress others favorably more special devotion to loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Look over your aim and take steps to make it more functional and ming. Improve your appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Good day to be company of good friends. Be more willing to go along their views and gain their goodwill.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Take study financial matters and plan to have greater dance in the future. Express happiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Analyze your ambitions and make plans to achieve them. Live ding to your true philosophy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Quietly plan gain the personal aims that's most important to you tonight and renew your energies.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Permit your friends show you a good time today which can open up new of fun to you. Smile more and be happy.

Saudi industries to offer shares to Gulf nationals

KUWAIT, May 31 (R) — Shares in massive basic industrial projects now being built by Saudi Arabia will be sold to the public in Gulf states within four years, Saudi Industry Minister Ghazi Abdul Rahman Al Qussabi said today.

The Kuwait News Agency quoted Dr. Qussabi as saying when he arrived in Kuwait that a majority of shares in the projects, concentrated in the industrial areas of Yanbu and Jubail, would be offered not only to Saudi Ara-

bians but also to other Gulf nationals. Petrochemical complexes, oil refineries, iron and steel works and fertilizer plants are among billions of dollars' worth of heavy industrial projects being built in

Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia already has a policy of offering Saudi nationals shares in major ventures. Foreign banks are being converted into Saudi companies with shares available for Saudi citizens.

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Army strengthens administrative grip South Korea sets up security committee

SEOUL, May 31 (R) — South Korea's powerful military establishment today strengthened its grip on the country's administrative machinery.

President Choi Kyu-bah announced the formation of an army-dominated 25-man Special Committee for National Security Measures.

The committee, made up of 14 generals on active service, three retired officers and eight civilians, will coordinate activities between the martial law command and the civilian State Council — presided over by the president.

Army strongman Lieutenant-General Chun Doo-hwan, head of both the military and civilian security forces, was also appointed chairman of a standing committee of about 30 members to consider matters delegated to it by the special committee.

A presidential spokesman named two other members of the standing committee — Major-General Ro Tae-woo, 47, commander of the Seoul security garrison command, and Major-General Chung Ho-yong, 47, commander of special forces.



President Choi

Women entering labour force 'in unprecedented numbers'

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP) — The number of women worldwide who are counted as "economically active" rose from 344 million to 576 million between 1950 and 1975, and nearly half the world's women are employed outside the home, according to a study released today.

"Women have entered the formal labour force in unprecedented numbers during the last three decades," the report by the World-watch Institute said. "The trend toward greater participation in the labour force on the part of women is most advanced in the Western industrial states and the communist countries in Eastern Europe and East Asia."

In most of these countries, the institute said, half or more of all adult women are "economically active," most of them working in jobs outside the home. In the West, male participation rates have declined slightly, because men have been staying in school longer and retiring earlier.

Over the last three decades, the proportion of women who work for pay grew from one-quarter to one-half in Canada and from one-third to two-thirds in Sweden.

In developing countries, the institute reported, the record of women's employment is much more diverse. In Latin America, the labour force participation rate of women rose by less than two percent between 1950 and 1975. Women's employment has expanded greatly in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore and South Korea, especially in textile, clothing and electronics plants.

Seven-nation African summit to discuss Namibia peace plan

LUSAKA, May 31 (R) — A seven-nation African summit meeting will be held in Lusaka on Tuesday to discuss recent developments regarding a United Nations-backed plan for a peace settlement in Namibia (South West Africa), a Zambian foreign ministry spokesman said today.

The meeting, which will bring together the leaders of the five so-called front-line states plus newly independent Zimbabwe, Nigeria and the South West African Peoples Organisation (SWAPO), has been unofficially expected for the past week. The foreign ministry spokesman was unable to give details of the agenda for the gathering.

The front-line states, Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia, were originally grouped together as an Organisation of African Unity (OAU) subcommittee during the struggle for majority rule in what is now independent Zimbabwe.

The leaders of the countries involved are due to begin arriving in Lusaka on Monday, the foreign ministry spokesman said.

Negotiations on the independence settlement plan for Namibia, which is ruled by South Africa in defiance of United Nations resolutions, have gathered momentum in recent weeks.

South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha replied conditionally on May 12 to a report issued by U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim in March on a fact-finding mission sent by the world body to southern Africa.

Both are known confidants of General Chun.

Opposition politicians said the announcement confirmed their fears that the military would reduce the power of the State Council, set back the timetable for a return to full parliamentary democracy and defer presidential and general elections planned for the first half of 1981.

Members of the opposition saw the appointment of General Chun to chair the standing committee as a move to legitimise what they see as his bid to take over the mantle of the late President Park Chung-hee.

General Chun has been singled out for attack by militant students whose street demonstrations for faster democratic reforms led to the strict martial law clamp-down throughout the country on May 17.

Demands for his resignation have been widespread and students in the South Cholla provincial capital of Kwangju called for his execution during the recent uprising against military repression.

The ten-day Kwangju uprising was crushed by the army earlier this week. The martial law authorities today announced an easing of the curfew on the city as life returned to normal.

From midnight tonight the curfew is to be reduced to four hours imposed when student protests against army brutality broke out on May 19.

The command said a total of 170 people, including 22 soldiers and four police, died in Kwangju. But citizens claim at least 261 civilians were killed.

President Choi praised the patri-

ence and caution of the military in dealing with the Kwangju rebellion when he inaugurated the Special Committee today.

General Chun told special Japanese envoy Toshikazu Maeda this week the army had no intention of altering the planned political schedule.

But opposition sources have expressed doubts about this promise, pointing to the arrest of many political leaders and parliamentarians and the closure of the National Assembly (parliament) under martial law regulations.

Two presidential candidates have been detained. They are leading dissident Mr. Kim Dae-jung, who polled 45 per cent of the popular vote against President Park in 1971, and Mr. Kim Jong-pil, president of the Democratic Republican Party (DRP), President Park's former power base.

A third presidential candidate, Mr. Kim Young-sam, leader of the opposition New Democratic Party (NDP), has been placed under house arrest by the martial law authorities. He declined comment on the new army moves when contacted by telephone.

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Mr. Waldheim said in his report the time had come to make necessary political decisions to implement the U.N.-endorsed plan, which includes establishment of a demilitarised zone (DMZ) extending 50 kilometres on either side of Namibia's northern border. The DMZ would take in parts of Angola and Zambia.

But during a visit to London on May 21, Mr. Waldheim expressed reservations about Mr. Botha's reply, which called on the U.N. to guarantee complete impartiality in a pre-independence election period in Namibia. That would effectively mean ignoring U.N. recognition of SWAPO as the sole representative of the Namibian people.

SWAPO, under the leadership of President Sam Nujoma, has been waging a guerrilla campaign against South African presence in Namibia. In retaliation, South Africa has struck at targets inside neighbouring Angola and Zambia which it described as SWAPO bases.

Mr. Waldheim said in London he was discussing Mr. Botha's letter with the five-member western group which drew up the Namibia plan, the five front-line African states and other parties concerned. The five Western nations are the United States, Britain, West Germany, France and Canada. A reply would be sent to South Africa when the talks were completed, he added.

Tuesday's hastily convened meeting in Lusaka is viewed by Western diplomats based in Zambia as being in the context of these discussions.

China announces Tibet reforms

PEKING, May 31 (R) — China today announced a series of wide-ranging reforms for Tibet which revealed that things had been going seriously wrong in the vast Himalayan region for more than a decade.

The People's Daily said Mr. Hu Yaobang, the general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, was currently making an inspection tour of the so-called "autonomous region" with the newly-appointed Vice-Premier Wan Li. It was the highest-level visit to Tibet at least since the cultural revolution of the late 1960s.

The paper said the two leaders, after ten days of talks with local officials, had drawn up a six-point list of preconditions for a more prosperous Tibet.

The list revealed that for at least the past decade, the Tibetan economy and culture had suffered from a system of rigid left-wing controls often imposed by non-Tibetan Chinese officials who lived in relative luxury. It also appeared to confirm reports by foreign correspondents who visited the area last year that Tibet was being governed as a Chinese colony.

The reforms were announced two days after it was revealed that Tibet's Communist Party supremo, Mr. Ren Rong, had been sacked and replaced by a Tibetan-speaking Chinese, Mr. Qin Fatang, with 20 years working experience in the region.

"A minority of Han (Chinese) comrades have displayed incorrect tendencies," according to one of the six points listed. It was therefore necessary to strengthen ties between Tibetan and Chinese officials. The other points were:

— The Tibetan autonomous region should have more real self-government. Tibet may form its own decrees and regulations in line with its characteristics, to protect its national autonomy and special interest.

— Tibet should be exempted from supplying fixed quotas of produce to the state for several years in order to boost its own economy. Peasants and herdsmen should be allowed to sell their produce on a bargaining basis.

— Crops should be grown which suit local needs and conditions, instead of growing wheat and barley by state decree.

— Privately owned plots should be expanded, private ownership of animals increased and sideline occupations and handicrafts developed. "A household should be allowed to raise dozens of sheep and several head of cattle."

— The central government should increase its allocation of funds to Tibet to increase production, stimulate Tibet's economy and enrich its cultural life. "The idea of serving the people should be fostered," the People's Daily said.

Britain to consider EEC proposals Monday

BRUSSELS, May 31 (R) — The Common Market faced a weekend of uncertainty as the British cabinet waited until Monday to consider EEC proposals to satisfy British demands for a cut in its contribution to the Community budget.

A linked agreement for an average five per cent farm price rise, which should theoretically come into effect tomorrow, cannot do so until all nine states have approved the package.

The French cabinet defiantly confirmed yesterday that it would go ahead with national aids to its beef and dairy farmers tomorrow if British approval had not been granted. But officials said the measures could be cancelled if British agreement came soon afterwards.

France, seen as the most reluctant to concede Britain's demand for a big reduction in its projected \$2.5 billion EEC bill this year, gave the package a guarded wel-

come. Under the deal, Britain would pay \$830 million, about a third, this year, and \$1.03 billion next year, with a review in 1982.

No indication has come from London on its view of the deal except a cautious welcome from the foreign office, which said substantial progress had been made on the budget problem.

EEC officials believe that if British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her colleagues in their weekend deliberations decide to reject the deal, the effort towards compromise over the last six months could not be repeated.

But if they do accept, it will be at the cost of an expensive agricultural package. The five per cent average rise for farmers includes an increase in the prices for dairy products and sugar, the very items on which Britain demanded a freeze because they are permanently in surplus.

These rises were strongly attacked today by the European Bureau of Consumer Unions (BEUC) which said in a statement: "They will only worsen the problem of agricultural surpluses and increase the price of food."

The ministers had also brought forward the day when Common Market funds would run dry because of agricultural spending, the BEUC said.

Carter certain to win delegates for nomination, but Kennedy may fight on

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An extra element is Republican Congressman John Anderson who is in the field as an independent. His political base is among young liberal voters of no fixed party affiliation where he hopes to exploit rising public discontent with a Carter-Reagan choice.

A poll published a few days ago by Time magazine showed Mr. Reagan at 36 per cent, Mr. Carter at 34 and Mr. Anderson at 23.

Independent candidates almost always do better in the springtime opinion polls, when disgruntled voters can cast an easy protest vote. Leaders of both parties are clearly worried however about Mr. Anderson's impact. They plan legal challenges and publicity drives to keep him off the ballot in as many states as possible.

The more immediate problem for Mr. Carter is Mr. Kennedy, the outcome of Tuesday's contests and what the senator will decide to do.

Until Mr. Carter pulled beyond reach, the Kennedy plan was to overtake him by sweeping Tuesday's primaries when nearly one quarter of all the convention dele-

Olympic boycott campaign 'may be backfiring'

WASHINGTON, May 31 (R) — The U.S.-led campaign to boycott the Moscow Olympics may be backfiring, French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet told reporters yesterday.

This was because of the indecisiveness shown by various countries about attending the July games, he added after three hours of talks with Secretary of State Edmund Muskie.

The talks had been described by French and American diplomats as intended to mark an end to the public bickering between Paris and Washington over their differences.

Mr. Francois-Poncet made it clear to the reporters that the differences continued, stating that diversity of views between the U.S. and France was a strength, not a weakness, of the Western alliance.

Mr. Muskie earlier this month expressed irritation with France for not consulting Washington about the Warsaw summit meeting between Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

On the Olympics issue, France was the only European Common Market nation not to endorse the U.S. call for the boycott in protest at the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

Today, despite U.S. worries, Mr. Francois-Poncet also said Western Europe should get involved in the Middle East peace process, forecasting some sort of initiative a few weeks hence.

Mr. Francois-Poncet, in the U.S. on a private visit, told his press conference that a European initiative on the Middle East was appropriate because the U.S.-sponsored talks between Israel and Egypt were not making much progress.

A few minutes later, a senior State Department official told reporters that an initiative would not be useful at this point and that there was concern over an initiative diverting attention from the Camp David process.

World News Briefs

NEW DELHI, May 31 (R) — At least six people were scores hurt in clashes today during voting in nine Indian Press Trust of India (PTI) said. Five died in the north Bihar and another in neighbouring Orissa. Police said it blew themselves up while making a bomb and other occurred in fighting between rival political groups. Voting as moderate to brisk, was taking place in the second round for state assemblies. The first round was held on 9 Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party was a win control of all nine states to add to the five it already. Police opened fire in several areas to break up demonstrator stop ballot boxes being stolen, PTI said.

MOSCOW, May 31 (Agencies) — The Soviet Communist newspaper Pravda today condemned an agreement between China covering Peking's purchase of non-lethal military aid as a military deal that would boost China's "oil secret of the anti-Soviet thrust of the deal. The U.S. adm shows it would like to turn China into an active accomplice of world gendarme." The official TASS news agency said ment "confirms that some U.S. quarters openly support military ambitions on the part of China."

Noting that U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown's agreement a new and substantial phase in U.S.-Chinese in consolidating both countries' security, TASS comment Komilov called the assertion a "patent, ill-intentioned lie" threatens the United States and China," he wrote. The Sc newspaper Red Star, without directly mentioning the U.S. agreement, said Peking was "striving to convince its pe soldiers of the necessity of increasing preparations for war."

GENEVA, May 31 (R) — The United States, which retains International Labour Organisation (ILO) last February of year boycott, has been given a permanent seat again on the C Body (executive council), the ILO said today. The Unit pulled out of the ILO in 1977 accusing the organisation, involved in extraneous political issues, particularly over th East. It also accused the ILO of practising a double stand spared communist states from criticism.

TOKYO, May 31 (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi was admitted to hospital today as campaigning was in full: elections that could end 25 years of rule by his conservati The main interest of the twin elections for the upper i houses on June 22 will be whether Mr. Ohira's Liberal De Party (LDP) can maintain a majority in the lower house. I expected to force his resignation and increase the possi coalition between the LDP and one or two centrist opposi ties. The 70-year-old prime minister was taken from his h hospital near the Diet (parliament) building in an ambulance complained of fatigue. The hospital said Mr. Ohira, wh president of the LDP, had an irregular pulse because of fat ad to Mr. Ohira told reporters tonight that he continued t "transitory irregular pulse." He required a full medical ch cabinet secretary Masayoshi told reporters that Mr. Ohir paign schedule had been cancelled up to next Friday.

BOMBAY, May 31 (R) — Twenty-nine bodies have so far been recovered from a block of flats which collapsed near Bombay y and about 50 people were still feared trapped in the debris said today. They said 12 people had been rescued and ad hospital. The four-storey block of flats, at Mumbra a kilometres from here, was built about six months ago for mid people working in overcrowded Bombay.

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1. Strengthen with a brace
 2. Breakfast treat
 3. Veggie game
 4. Scratch
 5. Show pain
 6. Depart
 7. Kind of drum
 8. Annuity
 9. Atmosphere
 10. Start of a line
 11. Large number
 12. Willow tree
 13. Certified by oath
 14. East
 15. Asian holiday
 16. Inquisitive
 17. Flared look
 18. Three-pronged spear
 19. Certain

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1. Japanese coin
 2. Hunter
 3. Inveigled as a bill
 4. Buried
 5. Tents unit
 6. Lady
 7. Kite's nest
 8. Stencil
 9. Neighbor of Calif.
 10. Solution for a dirty auto
 11. Severity
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 13. Lancer
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2. AELP GULPQ WOPWA TUE U QUMP HUMP

UM MTP GEEQ EUAOA.

3. PAAYATA PUMMLN EIXEVS U SLAMZA SLRVS

ET EVA RAZY BATTLE XIXMB.

4. STALE STYLE, OYUD IARN, YU LITE ONYRNU

STAND OYEN.

—By Earl Inland

—By Barbara J. Rags

—By Norton Rhoades

Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Charlie didn't know his girl was a vegetarian freak until she hinted that she'd love fourteen carrots.

2. Will the washed legs dig their new wallow under the lush willows?

3. Nameless lady shattered her champagne glass at classy party.

4. Would wheat deal with Russia go against the grain?

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